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CITY OF ROCKLAND.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, JUNE 11, 1872.

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Printing be and hereby are instructed to cause to be printed for the use of the City Council, five hundred copies of the Mayor's Address and accompanying Reports.

Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest: CHAS. A. DAVIS, *City Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, JUNE 11, 1872.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest: ENOCH DAVIES, *Clerk.*

A true copy. Attest: CHAS. A. DAVIS, *City Clerk.*

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

It having been the custom of my predecessors to address your honorable body upon the condition of city affairs, and to make such suggestions as to them have seemed for the best interest of the city, I am compelled to say that there are so many matters of public importance upon which I wish to present my views, that I shall defer doing so at least until an opportunity has been offered me of examining carefully the reports of the heads of the several departments, from which alone reliable information can be obtained, none of which have as yet been presented for my inspection ; but with the limited knowledge at present possessed, a few suggestions from me may not be out of place at this time.

I would here suggest that in future you require the reports of the several departments to be presented at a stated time, prior to the organization of the new or incoming city government, being satisfied that the citizens should be accurately informed as to the state of public affairs before the annual municipal election, and especially that the financial condition of the city should be represented, as accurately as possible, before that time.

CITY FINANCES.

The City Treasurer informs me that the debt of the city is about \$165,000.

Of this amount there falls due the present year, \$14,581.00.

The temporary loan due on call, amounts to \$22,264.57.

The rate of taxation last year was 2 1-8 per cent.

The decrease of the debt during the year was about \$14,000.

The appropriations made during the year were \$72,000.

I would refer you to the Treasurer's report, when presented, for further information.

I would here suggest that an Auditor of Accounts be chosen, as I think the services of such a person would be of great benefit.

CITY SCHOOLS.

We have reason to feel proud of the high position which our schools have attained, under the management of competent teachers, not inferior in culture to those employed by our sister cities. The recent exercises of the graduating class of the High School, and the examinations of the schools of different grades, should convince us that the teachers have not only labored earnestly for the advancement of those under their charge, but that the scholars themselves have improved the valued opportunities offered them, and have made rapid improvement in the studies they have pursued.

The Agent informs me that the number of registered scholars during the year was 2,332, with an average attendance equal to, if not larger than the previous year, which was then in excess of that of any other city in the State. The amount appropriated during the year was \$11,000, which, added to the amount received from the State and the unexpended balance remaining at the commencement of the year, would be \$11,670.11. There remains of this amount unexpended, about \$500. The school houses are at present in good condition, and he estimates the amount required for repairs the present year to be very small. I would respectfully suggest that trees be planted upon the High School House lot, which will add greatly to its attractiveness and can be done at trifling expense.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

One of the most important questions you will be called upon to consider will be, how can the condition of our streets be improved at the least possible outlay? This is a difficult question to answer correctly. I trust some way may be

devised to accomplish the end so much desired. During several years past, large appropriations have been made for this purpose, and it seems that the present condition of our streets is not equal to the outlay. I shall take an opportunity speedily of presenting some ideas upon this question.

The absolute necessity of selecting men best qualified for the positions they are to fill, is nowhere better illustrated than in the choice of Street Commissioners. Men of capacity and integrity can add very much to place our streets in such condition that, notwithstanding their heavy burdens, they may be, at reduced expense, maintained in good repair, while inefficiency, attended with a want of system, will subject us continually to heavy outlays with no apparent improvement.

I would suggest the propriety of putting down some permanent sidewalks on Main street. Granite flaggings can be procured from the islands in our immediate vicinity at a moderate cost, and I am convinced that the cost of wooden material for sidewalks, with the expense of labor used in keeping them in repair, will, in a few years, exceed the cost of permanent work. I do not intend to recommend that this be done immediately upon a *large* portion of Main street, but that some progress should be made in this direction. I would also recommend that granite street crossings be used, as our present plank crossings are not what they should be. Either the sidewalks on Main street should be kept clear of snow in the winter at the expense of the city, as is usual in other places of its size, and which can be done at a small expense, or the city ordinance compelling the owners of lots adjacent to remove the snow from the walks, should be vigorously enforced.

It is a recognized fact which the experience of the past few years has amply demonstrated to us, that the security to life and property in compact localities is materially increased by having the streets lighted in the more frequented thoroughfares, and I would therefore suggest that in such localities as may be deemed proper, lamps be maintained at such points as shall best secure these desirable and necessary ends.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

From the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, I learn

that his department is in good condition, the engines and appurtenances being in good order. The house at the north part of the city occupied by Defiance Co. is much out of repair, to which your immediate attention is called.

The men composing this department, for activity and energy are unsurpassed, and for promptness and efficiency cannot be excelled by the same number of firemen in any other city. No such instances of the fearful power of fire are recorded in modern history as have occurred in our own land during the past year. Any fire under favorable circumstances may develop a great conflagration, and it well becomes every community to carefully consider the means of defense against such appalling destruction.

I would suggest the propriety of purchasing a hand steamer to be located in the centre of the city, which can be easily moved when needed, thus gaining control before the fire escapes from the building in which it originates. With the present steamer this chance may be lost, on account of the condition of the streets, or from some other reason.

FIRE ALARM NEEDED.

Great complaint arises from the fact that we have no proper fire alarm. Firemen scattered over the city, as with us, soon become too familiar with the sound of the bells as now rung. If some system of alarm can be devised which will notify all of the character of the alarm and the locality of the fire, I am convinced it will be of very great satisfaction to the firemen, and to all citizens interested in property. A system of liberal dealing should be maintained with the firemen respecting their compensation, as tending to secure the utmost efficiency, and to protect, at the least expense in the end, the property of the citizens.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

During the past year our police force has been very efficient, as the orderly state of the city will show. The force employed should not be decreased.

THE CITY POOR.

The care of the poor and unfortunate has been well attended to, I doubt not, no complaints having been made, so far as I am

aware. I would refer you to the report of the Overseers for all desired information.

KNOX & LINCOLN RAILROAD.

The Knox & Lincoln Railroad is at last completed, with the exception of the extension to tide waters, which extension we should demand be made immediately. Until this is done, we shall not fully reap the benefits for which the road was intended, and for which we have contributed so largely. Any unreasonable delay will be doing injustice to our city. We have already felt some portion of the benefits which we expected to derive from the construction of this road. Instead of being isolated from the rest of the world in the winter season, we have now the means of rapid and easy communication with the large cities. We have also felt its benefits in an increase of trade, which will undoubtedly become manifest to a much larger extent as business accommodates itself to its new facilities, and concentrates itself from the surrounding towns to this, the natural terminus of the road, drawing to this locality other branches of industry, which without it could not be properly maintained.

The cost of the road has been enormous, compared with the expense of building other roads in the State, but it is to be earnestly hoped that the great outlay to which Rockland has been subjected on its account, will yet prove to be greatly to the advantage of the city, which has assisted so liberally in its construction.

We should urge to have established lines of steamers extending from Rockland to the eastern section of our State, and to the British Provinces, as soon as our facilities for accommodating business and travel are properly completed, as they can but increase the business and prosperity of the city.

As to the financial condition of the railroad, I am not sufficiently informed at present to give you reliable information, but will make it the subject of another communication, in connection with other matters.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I take pleasure in congratulating you and our fellow-citizens upon the fact that we may reasonably hope that the long season of business depression under which our city has

labored for so many years, has at last passed away, and with the advent of increased facilities for business and travel, new enterprises have been projected, new improvements have been instituted, the public spirit of our citizens and a general feeling of confidence in the capacity and resources of our city has been awakened, the continuation of which can but tend to induce the location here of other branches of industry which shall still further develop our resources, and secure to Rockland the results which the advantages of her fine harbor and favorable location for the transaction of large affairs clearly entitle her to.

Let us endeavor, by earnest co-operation on our part, in the management of the affairs which have been intrusted to us, to aid to the utmost in bringing about the fulfillment of these bright anticipations.

J. FRED MERRILL.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
ROCKLAND, March 12, 1872. }

To the City Council:—

GENTLEMEN.—I have the honor to present herewith my account as City Treasurer for the financial year ending at this date.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LEANDER WEEKS, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

Received on loans, permanent and temporary,	\$49,694 17
Received on taxes for the year 1871,	75,488 54
Received on taxes for the year 1870,	7,543 51
Received on taxes for the year 1869,	3,521 63
Received on taxes for the year 1868,	507 00
Received on taxes for the year 1867,	100 00
Received from the State, Pensions re-imbursed,	579 50
Received from the State, School tax for 1869 and 1870,	340 07
Received for redemption of property sold for taxes,	789 51
Received for licenses, circus, theatres and billiard rooms,	320 00
Received for five copies Eaton's History,	15 00
Received for six lots in Jameson Point Cemetery,	29 00
Received of O. G. Hall, Judge Police Court, fines and fees,	829 71
Received of L. D. Carver, City Marshal, fees,	176 11
Received of G. A. Bramhall, for fees,	16 00
Received of G. A. Bramhall for liquor barrels confiscated,	45 01
Received of F. L. Jones, Liquor Agent,	441 11
Received of Samuel Tibbetts, Liquor Agent,	4,354 43

Received of B. Robbins for School House,	95 00
Received of Alden Ulmer for School House,	100 00
Received of Sam'l Perry, rent of Bank building,	5 00
Received of A. R. Leighton, rent of Bank building,	5 00
Received of I. K. Thomas, Insane Hospital bill,	36 32
Received of G. S. Wiggin, on pauper account,	708 92
Received for accumulated interest on Coupon Bonds,	61 13
Received for interest on taxes of 1870, \$263.69; 1869, \$271.04; 1868, \$83.03; 1867, \$51.92.	669 68
Cash in Treasury, March, 1871,	7,791 82
Total Receipts,	<u>\$154,263 17</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on loans,	\$45,999 27
Paid interest on loans,	12,061 14
Paid balance of State tax for 1870,	14,294 02
Paid State tax for 1871, in part,	10,579 50
Paid County tax for 1871,	4,555 88
Paid State Pensions,	354 00
Paid abatements on taxes,	668 94
Paid Mayor's orders, Highway Fund,	9,529 34
“ “ “ Fire Dep't Fund,	3,135 32
“ “ “ Pauper Fund,	5,641 27
“ “ “ Salary Fund,	4,424 00
“ “ “ Police Fund,	2,428 79
“ “ “ Contingent Fund,	10,560 95
“ “ “ Street Grade Fund,	1,350 00
“ “ “ Reservoir Fund,	860 59
“ “ “ Gravel Fund,	350 00
“ “ “ Survey Fund,	50 00
“ “ “ School Fund,	11,641 02
“ “ “ Road Damage,	128 00
“ “ “ City Team,	831 48
“ “ “ Middle St. school house, 2223	74
	<u>53,154 50</u>
Total disbursements,	\$141,667 25
Cash on hand at this date,	12,595 92
	<u>\$154,263 17</u>

LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES.

LIABILITIES.

Amount due on loans,	\$198,546 90
Amount due on Mayor's orders,	5,007 01
Amount due on "half tax receipts,"	344 20
Amount due on State tax for 1871,	6,537 17
Amount due on bills not audited, (estimated)	<u>2,000 00</u>
Total liabilities,	\$212,435 28

RESOURCES.

Amount due on taxes, 1871,	14,814 87	
Amount due on taxes, 1870,	9,464 14	
Amount due on taxes, 1869,	4,390 66	
Amount due on taxes, 1868,	2,178 21	
Amount due on taxes, 1867,	821 05	31,668 93
Amount due on foreign pauper account,	320 76	
Amount due from State on acc't of bounties,	1,000 00	
Amount due from State, school tax for 1871,	196 60	
Amount due on acc't of property sold for taxes, about	1,800 00	
Cash in Treasury, as per Report,	<u>12,595 92</u>	
Total resources,	\$47,582 21	
Balance, (being am't of city debt,)	<u>164,853 07</u>	\$212,435 28

CONDITION OF CITY LOAN.

Amount due on call,	-	-	-	-	\$22,264 57
" " in 1872,	-	-	-	-	14,581 00
" " " 1873,	-	-	-	-	18,650 00
" " " 1874,	-	-	-	-	24,068 00
" " " 1875,	-	-	-	-	19,159 33
" " " 1876,	-	-	-	-	18,500 00
" " " 1877,	-	-	-	-	10,054 00
" " " 1878,	-	-	-	-	3,600 00
" " " 1879,	-	-	-	-	26,670 00
" " " 1880,	-	-	-	-	3,200 00
" " " 1881,	-	-	-	-	4,900 00
" " " 1882,	-	-	-	-	500 00
" " " 1883,	-	-	-	-	30,000 00

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"	"	"	1884,	-	-	-	-	1,200 00
"	"	"	1889,	-	-	-	-	800 00
"	"	"	1890,	-	-	-	-	400 00

Total amount due on loans,	<u>\$198,546 90</u>
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Exhibit of the several appropriations and expenditures for the financial year 1871.

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

Appropriated,	8,000 00	
Expended,	<u>8,721 02</u>	
Overdrawn,		\$721 02

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Other credits,	<u>708 92</u>	
	5,708 92	
Expended,	<u>5,170 39</u>	
Unexpended,		538 53

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriated,	2,500 00	
Expended,	<u>2,654 01</u>	
Overdrawn,		154 01

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	11,000 00	
Received from State,	<u>196 60</u>	
	11,196 60	
Expended,	<u>11,196 60</u>	

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriated,	3,000 00	
Expended,	<u>3,974 00</u>	
Overdrawn,		974 00

SURVEY OF STREETS.

Appropriated,	1,000 00	
Expended,	<u>50 00</u>	
Unexpended,		950 00

GRADING MAIN STREET.

Appropriated,	1,000 00	
Expended,	<u>1,350 00</u>	
Overdrawn,		350 00

RESERVOIRS.

Appropriated,	1,000 00	
Expended,	<u>860 59</u>	
Unexpended,		139 41

GRAVEL FOR STREETS.

Appropriated,	1,000 00	
Expended,	<u>350 00</u>	
Unexpended,		650 00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Appropriated,	6,000 00	
Expended,	<u>6,273 16</u>	
Overdrawn,		273 16

INTEREST ON CITY DEBT.

Appropriation,	12,000 00	
Received on taxes,	669 68	
Received on bonds,	<u>61 13</u>	
Expended,	12,730 81	
	<u>12,061 14</u>	
Unexpended,		669 67

ROAD DAMAGES.

Expended,	189 00	
Overdrawn,		189 00

SEWER IN MAIN STREET.

Expended,	920 82	
Overdrawn,		920 82

CONSTRUCTION OF MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

Expended,	2,223 74	
Overdrawn,		2,223 74

CITY TEAM ACCOUNT.

Expended,	831 48	
Overdrawn,		831 48

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation,	5,000 00	
Received from other sources,	8,176 77	
	<hr/>	13,176 77
Expended,		10,204 09
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Unexpended,		2,972 68

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriated,	2,500 00	
Expended,	2,995 37	
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Overdrawn,		495 37

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Total of expenditures,		\$70,025 41
Total of appropriations,		68,813 10
Total unexpended,	5,920 29	
Total over-expenditures,	7,132 60	
Am't overdrawn of the several appropriations,		\$1,212 31

LEANDER WEEKS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the City Council:—

GENTLEMEN:—The Overseers of the Poor herewith submit their annual report of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending the first day of March, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

From Mayor's orders,	\$5,170 39	
“ Supplies at Alms House, March 1, 1871,	342 30	
	<hr/>	\$5,512 69

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies for Alms House,	1,553 86	
Paid Undertaker's bills,	366 00	
“ Fuel bills,	870 77	
“ Insane Hospital,	307 98	
“ Other towns,	464 65	
“ Yoke of Oxen,	160 00	
“ Boarding and nursing bills,	526 18	
“ Miscellaneous bills,	482 73	
“ Provisions and clothing,	728 25	
“ School books.	52 27	
	<hr/>	5,512 69

ASSETS.

Charged to other towns,	320 76	
Supplies at Alms House,	250 35	
Amount of produce sold,	163 09	
Yoke of Oxen,	250 00	
School books,	52 27	
	<hr/>	1,036 47
Total cost for support of domestic poor,		\$4,476 22

The number of paupers resident at the Alms House, March 1st, 1871, was thirty-three; admitted during the year, twenty-three; born, one; total fifty-seven. Discharged, twenty-six; ran away, one; died, one; resident at the Alms House March 1st, 1872, twenty-nine.

Total number of weeks' support at the Alms House during the year, thirteen hundred and fifteen; average cost per week, one dollar and thirty-two cents. This does not include the amount received from the farm.

The number of families outside the Alms House to whom assistance has been rendered is fifty-three, numbering two hundred and fourteen persons. The number of single persons assisted who had no lawful settlement in the State is thirty-five.

We have paid to other towns for the support of paupers, \$464.65.

The contract with Messrs. White & Case and Messrs. Ames & Crockett for supplies for the poor department has been satisfactorily performed, and we recommend a continuance of the same system the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. S. WIGGIN,
Chairman of Overseers of the Poor.

CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the City Council of Rockland:—

GENTLEMEN,—Agreeably to a time-honored custom, it becomes my duty to write a short report concerning the sanitary condition of our poor, and the city generally. During the past year there have been no epidemics prevalent in our city, and an unusually small amount of sickness among the poor. I attribute this in a great measure, and more particularly at the Alms House, to the care and assiduity of the Superintendent and Matron of the institution. The care bestowed by them upon these unfortunates in a hygienic point of view, has, in a great measure, prevented diseases which might have otherwise occurred. The cleanliness bestowed upon the younger portion of the family, and the proper food, consisting largely of milk and vegetables, together with allowing them good healthy exercise in the open air, have in my opinion done a great deal to bring about this favorable result.

The rooms are well ventilated and properly warmed. The bedding comfortable and cleanly. The Matron of the institution has taken an unusual interest in the younger portion of the family, and the Sabbath School under her faithful care has been well attended by the children. At present the house is abundantly large to accommodate all the inmates, but I will here make a single suggestion which in my judgment seems eminently proper—that separate rooms be provided for the sick, where they can be entirely free from the noise and disturbance of the children and other members of the family. It must be obvious to you all, gentlemen, that the class of people brought together from poverty and distress naturally have defective constitutions, and sickness and disease are generally the causes that bring them to their present condition—consequently we find among the aged and infirm many afflicted with chronic diseases, and these have

required more of my professional attention than any others during the past year.

I think that there has been but one death during the past year, and that from consumption, in an aged female, and there has been but one birth.

For particulars with regard to the number and sexes in the Alms House during the past year, I respectfully refer you to the report of the Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor.

It has also been my duty to give my professional attention to the sick and destitute outside of the Alms House, and these by the way constitute the larger portion that receive prescriptions from the City Physician. I have made over 200 prescriptions to this class, and in many instances, I am sorry to say, with not so desirable results as would be obtained provided they could have the proper care and diet that is indispensable to the success of well directed prescriptions. Among other duties devolving upon the City Physician by usage he has been placed upon the Board of Health, to look after the sanitary condition of the city generally.

The streets and sewers of Rockland, although not in every respect what health demands, are still in as good condition as most cities of its size. It is to be hoped, as a sanitary measure, that the sewer already begun on Main St. at the Brook will be continued until all that region west of Main St., which was formerly a swamp—low, marshy, and miasmatic—may be thoroughly drained. You are not unmindful, gentlemen, that this would be a sanitary measure, and in many respects one of the most important for the health and comfort of this city. There would then be no necessity of looking after the cess-pools which are continually filling up with filthy matter, as there would be ample drainage to carry off all filth that might accumulate in these places. I will say in behalf of the Board of Health that their duty has been performed to the best of their ability, and wherever and whenever they have been informed of nuisances to be abated they have promptly had them removed.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

THEO. L. ESTABROOK.

CITY UNDERTAKER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and Councilmen of the City of Rockland:

The undersigned herewith presents his report for the year 1871, for your consideration:

Whole number of interments for the year,	99
Whole number non-residents,	- 10
Whole number for January, 1872,	- 6
Whole number for February, "	- - 8
Whole number to March 4th, "	- 2

The following city property is in this department: One hearse and hearse house of little value.

CEMETERIES.

In the Jameson Point Cemetery, there is not a lot which is not occupied; some have been occupied by persons to me unknown. These lots are being taken by our citizens, many of whom have taken deeds, many have not. The fence inclosing this cemetery will need some repairs in the spring. Allow me to suggest for your consideration the propriety of buying more land for burial purposes, and of furnishing a receiving tomb for the city.

The cemetery at the foot of Chickawaukie Pond is full or nearly so. The old cemetery near the Methodist Church, contains fifty or more graves unprotected. The Achorn cemetery is well cared for.

The Orbeton cemetery is owned by individuals, and is very neatly and tastefully laid out, and kept in the best possible condition.

Respectfully submitted.

SILAS KALLOCH, *City Undertaker.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

CITY FARM.

Farm and buildings,	\$4,000 00	
Furniture, stock, tools and farming utensils,	800 00	
	<u> </u>	\$4,800 00

ENGINES AND APPARATUS.

Steam Fire Engine with hose and attachments,	4,000 00	
Defiance Engine and do.,	1,000 00	
Dirigo Engine and do.,	1,000 00	
Fire hooks, ladders, carriage for same, &c.,	200 00	
	<u> </u>	6,200 00

BUILDINGS.

City Hall,	2000 00	
Steam Engine building,	7500 00	
Granite building,	1000 00	
Defiance Engine house and lot,	1000 00	
Dirigo Engine house and lot,	2200 00	
Hook and Ladder house,	50 00	
Stable, (formerly gun house,)	350 00	
Lockup building,	500 00	
Furniture and fixtures for the above buildings,	2000 00	
	<u> </u>	16,600 00

FURNITURE, LOTS, ETC.

Furniture and Library in Police Court Room,	150 00
Furniture and fixtures in City Council Rooms,	600 00
Furniture in Treasurer's, Clerk's, and Assessors' offices,	100 00
Safe in Treasurer's office,	150 00
Standard scales, weights and measures,	300 00
Lots on Spring street, occupied by Steam	

Engine house, City Hall, Lockup, Stable, &c.,	1000 00	
Jameson's Point Cemetery and improvements,	2000 00	
Flag lot on James street,	50 00	
Interest in Grover lot on Front street.	600 00	
	<hr/>	4,950 00

CITY TEAM AND ACCOMPANIMENTS.

Two horses,	700 00	
Harnesses, wagons, carts, sleds, plough, scraper, shovels, chains, feed, and attendant fixtures,	550 00	
	<hr/>	1,250 00

RESERVOIRS.

Reservoirs and hydrants, as per estimated cost,	4,000 00	
		4,000 00

RAILROAD STOCK.

Subscription to stock in the K. & L. R. R.,	100,000 00	
		100,000 00
Liquors, etc., in hands of Liquor Agency,	800 00	
		800 00

SCHOOL HOUSES, ETC.

High School House on Lincoln street,	25,000 00	
Lot and improvements,	2,000 00	
Oak Grove School House,	700 00	
Pine Grove " "	700 00	
Gay School House,	400 00	
Summer street School House,	600 00	
Grace " " "	600 00	
Portland " " "	150 00	
Crescent " " "	900 00	
Crockett's Point " "	350 00	
Blackington's corner School House,	800 00	
School House near Timothy Williams',	500 00	
" " " Jas. Walsh's,	300 00	
Seventh Ward or Middle street School House with lot and improvements,	12,000 00	
Estimated value of lots not included in the above,	1,500 00	
School seats in upper story of City Hall,	350 00	

Library in High School House, and school apparatus and fixtures for the above rooms,	700 00	47,550 00
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Total estimated value of city property,		\$186,180 00

For condition of the above list of property reference is made to the officers in charge of the several departments under their charge.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. H. RHOADES, DAVID ROBINSON, SILAS FARRINGTON,	}	<i>Committee on City Property.</i>
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CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit my report as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the municipal year just closed, together with the annexed schedule of fires and alarms that have happened in the city during the year.

The department has been called out to fires and alarms during the year ending March 26, 1872, twenty times, and the amount of loss by fire, as nearly as can be ascertained, is \$46,940, and insurance on same, \$32,525.

It is with much pleasure that I am able to state that our city has been spared from any very large or disastrous fires, and through the promptness of the members of the department the fires that we have had to contend with have nearly all been promptly subdued in their early stages, and it gives me great pleasure to report that the interest throughout the entire department has been excellent, and promptness has been the watchword for the year.

The companies are fully up to the standard, and have shown a willingness and zeal in the performance of their duties as firemen that is worthy of great praise.

The apparatus of the department is in good working order, and the water supply in the more thickly settled portions of the city has been very much improved during the year by the addition of two large reservoirs, one on Orient street, rear of Spear Block, in ward 4, and the other on T street, rear or near Rankin Block, in ward 3. With what reservoirs we now have and the Water Co.'s hydrants, our water facilities are very fair, but I am of the opinion that we should add at least two reservoirs every year until we have accumulated a sufficient number to be entirely independent of the Water Company pipes.

I would call your attention to the unfinished condition of the

new Engine House on Spring street, ward 4; the company attached to the steamer occupying the house are at the present time without proper Hall or meeting room. Therefore I would earnestly recommend that the unfinished Hall or chamber over the housing room be finished and furnished in a suitable manner for the better accommodation of the company and other attendants of the Engine. In recommending this extra outlay, I do it with the conviction that it will not only be for the good of the company, but for the interest of the city, for I believe it to be good policy to encourage the men who man our engines by keeping them well supplied with the necessary equipments to fight fire with, and to make their surroundings pleasant and convenient.

The house of Engine No. 4 needs your immediate attention. It is in very bad shape, and I might, I think, with propriety, say that it is dangerous, and immediate repairs are necessary to keep the whole structure from going over the bank when the frost comes out of the ground. I am of the opinion that the location is not good, and would recommend that it be removed to some more eligible situation on the west side of the street, if land can be procured in the immediate vicinity. The roof of Engine House No. 3 will need to be new shingled the coming season.

I feel that I should not let this opportunity pass of bringing forward to your notice the claims of this department for new and improved machinery for subduing fires. Our present hand engines are of an old pattern, and very much behind the times, being heavy to handle, hard to haul, slow to get into working order, and throw a very small quantity of water when put into competition with the new and improved machines of the present day. Our city is increasing its number of buildings every year, some of which are very large wooden structures, and of course thereby increasing the risk of large fires, and it must be evident to all that our department, never too large, should be increased in a like proportion, and in recommending a change, I believe it to be a measure of economy, as our hand engines are now saleable, being of a suitable capacity for a village or small town, and probably the proceeds of their sale would go a great ways towards the purchase of new machines. Therefore I would earnestly recommend that Engines No. 3 and No. 4 be sold, and two new and improved machines be purchased to take their places.

J. W. CROCKER, *Chief Engineer.*

Rockland, March 26, 1872.

SCHEDULE OF FIRES AND ALARMS IN THE CITY DURING THE
MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 26, 1872.

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April 10, 1 o'clock A. M. A general alarm arising from fire under full headway being discovered in the two-story wooden building on Main street, at the Brook, in ward 3, owned by Geo. Clark, which had communicated with the two-story wooden building adjoining on the south, owned by N. A. Farwell. The upper stories and rear of lower stories of both buildings nearly consumed. Contents of both buildings saved in a damaged condition. Loss on buildings, \$1,300.00. Insured \$850.00. Loss and damage to contents, \$1,900.00. Insurance \$1,750.00. Cause of fire unknown.

May 2d, 2 o'clock 30 minutes P. M. General alarm caused by the taking fire of the weather shed on White & Case's lime kiln, ward 5. Put out without the aid of the department. Loss nominal.

May 23d, 5 o'clock 10 minutes P. M. A general alarm caused by the taking fire of a small frame house on Portland street, in ward 5, owned by I. K. Thomas and occupied by John Murphy as a dwelling. Put out without the aid of the department. Loss nominal. Cause of fire, defective flue.

June 5th, 12 o'clock 10 minutes A. M. False alarm.

June 17th, 11 o'clock 50 minutes A. M. A general alarm caused by the taking fire of the story and half house, owned and occupied as a dwelling by Thomas Staples; roof partially burned off and house damaged by water. Loss estimated \$700. Insurance to cover.

July 2d, 8 o'clock 10 minutes P. M. General alarm caused by the taking fire of the weather shed on the Wilson kiln owned by the Cobb Lime Co. Put out with small loss.

July 19th, 10 o'clock and 45 minutes A. M. General alarm arising from fire being discovered in the barn of the widow John Hanrahan, just over the dividing line of Rockland and Thomaston, which communicated with the house, which it destroyed, also extended to the house of Mrs. John O'Neil in this city, which was nearly destroyed. The department was on the ground in excellent season, and did great service in staying a conflagration. Loss on building, \$1,200.00. Insurance, \$600.00. Cause of fire unknown.

Sept. 4th, 9 o'clock and 10 minutes P. M. General alarm caused by the total destruction of the two-story frame building on Maverick

street, ward 1, owned by Nehemiah Weymouth, and occupied by Weymouth & Colburn's cooper and joiner shop. Loss on building and contents, \$800.00. No insurance.

Sept. 11th, 11 o'clock P. M. False alarm.

Monday, Sept. 25th, 10 o'clock and 15 minutes A. M. General alarm caused by the taking fire of the story and half dwelling house on Limerock street, ward 3, owned by I. K. Kimball and occupied by J. J. Clinton as a dwelling. Put out with small loss. Cause of fire, defective flue.

Sept. 26th, 7 o'clock and 30 minutes P. M. False alarm.

Oct. 1st, 6 o'clock and 30 minutes A. M. General alarm arising from the taking fire of the lime aboard schooner Antelope. Services of the department not needed.

Oct. 2d, 2 o'clock P. M. A general alarm arising from the taking fire of a kettle of tar in the rear of the Thorndike Hotel, which endangered that building. Put out without the aid of the department.

Nov. 25th, 8 o'clock and 45 minutes A. M. Alarm arising from the taking fire of some straw which communicated with an out house on Cross street, Crockett's Point. Extinguished with small damage.
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Feb. 3d, 8 o'clock and 45 minutes P. M. Alarm of fire arising from fire being discovered in the blacksmith shop on Winter street, in ward 4, owned by Hosea Coombs. Put out without the aid of the department. Originated in a partition, close to which set a stove.

Feb 23d, 5 o'clock A. M. General alarm caused by fire being discovered amongst some lime casks in the kiln shed on Ingraham's Point, owned by the Cobb Lime Co. Extinguished without the aid of the department. Cause of fire, piling of casks too near kiln. Loss small.

March 23d, 11 o'clock and 45 minutes P. M. General alarm of fire caused by the total destruction of the three-story brick Block owned by the widow and heirs of the late Gen. Hiram G. Berry, and occupied: 1st story, by O. R. Moor & Co., dry goods and woollens, Edward Merrill, apothecary, and Eastern Express Co. office; 2d story, Lime Rock Bank, Western Union Telegraph Co., H. Gregory, Jr., broker; and the third story by the several orders of Masons. The fire communicated by the roof with the adjoining Block, owned by G. W. Kimball, and occupied, 1st floor, by F. J. Kirkpatrick, millinery and fancy goods; 2d floor,

by Dr. Banks' office, and 3d floor, by the Masonic bodies as ante-rooms. In the Berry building, O. R. Moor & Co., Telegraph Co., Lime Rock Bank, H. Gregory, Jr., and the Masonic bodies lost entire stocks, fixtures and furnishings; Edward Merrill and Eastern Express Co. saved their stocks and furnishings in a damaged condition. The stocks of F. J. Kirkpatrick and the furniture of Dr. Banks were badly damaged by water. Amount of loss on Berry building, \$15,000; insured \$12,000. Amount of loss on contents of Berry building, \$21,515; insured \$13,600. Amount of loss on G. W. Kimball's building, \$1,000; insured to cover. Amount of loss on contents of G. W. Kimball's building, \$2,900; insured \$1,500. The adjoining building owned by J. T. Berry, being connected to the Kimball building was necessarily flooded with water to a considerable extent, and the building was probably damaged to the amount of about \$500; covered with insurance. Fire supposed to have caught near stove in store of O. R. Moor & Co.

March 24th, 6 o'clock A. M. General alarm caused by fire being discovered in the roof of the Kimball building. Put out without any additional damage.

March 25th, 11 o'clock and 15 minutes P. M. General alarm caused by the total destruction of a small frame building on Winter street. Owned by Dennis Cokely, and used as an out house. Loss \$100.00. No insurance.

March 26th, 7 o'clock and 15 minutes A. M. General alarm caused by the total destruction of a small frame building on Marine Railway wharf, ward 6, owned and occupied by Snow, Farwell & Co. as a store house. Loss on building and contents, \$300.00. No insurance.

SCHOOL AGENT'S REPORT.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In accordance with a provision of law, I return to you an account of my official expenditures as agent for the public schools of this city, the past year, together with a statement of the appropriation for schools by the city, and receipts from other sources.

Amount appropriated by the city,	\$11,000 00
Received from the State,	196 60
Cash balance from last year,	418 91
Collected on former bills for tuition, &c.,	34 80
Collected for tuition the past year,	73 84

Received from all sources,	\$11,724 15
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Contra.

Amount paid teachers,	\$8,816 50
“ “ for fuel and fitting,	883 50
“ “ janitors,	459 93
“ “ for cleaning houses, &c.,	132 40
“ “ “ repairs on houses,	233 36
“ “ “ furnishing, &c.,	369 92
“ “ “ maps and charts,	223 20
“ “ on bills of previous year,	15 40
Discount on old bills for tuition,	8 48

\$11,142 69

Cash in hands of Agent to balance,	581 46
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\$11,724 15

PRESENT RESOURCES.

Cash balance as above,	\$581 46
Due on bills of former years for tuition,	42 35
Due on bills for tuition the past year,	8 23
	\$632 04

SUGGESTIONS.

The Pine Grove lot on Bunker street should be enlarged and drained, or the house should be removed to some larger and more suitable lot in the vicinity. The house formerly belonging to the Walsh district, in ward seven, needs repairing and painting very much.

With the above exceptions, the Agent will be able to keep the schoolhouses in fair condition the ensuing year, from the percentage on the school fund.

Respectfully submitted.

A. L. TYLER, *Agent*.

Rockland, March 19, 1872.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

The closing of the municipal year warns us that law and time-honored custom require us to acquaint you with the condition of our public schools, and of their success and progress through the year.

That our schools have improved in the last decade is apparent to the most casual observer; but the improvements of a single year are not so clearly perceived, except by those who have these matters in charge, and watch carefully their progress.

Though we have been unable to accomplish all we desired and planned for the year, though some of our teachers have not met our most sanguine hopes, yet there have been improvements, and the school year has been a successful one.

When we remember that

“In human works, though labored on with pain;
A thousand movements scarce one purpose gain.”

we feel that we must look upon the result of our labors and be satisfied.

In the Primary department, by improved methods of teaching reading and spelling, we are able to accomplish in one year what before required two, and for the simple reason that we read and spell twice as much in less time.

By the new mode, better attention is secured, and time saved for the higher classes.

The result is, in those schools which have been most earnest in the work, the Third has taken place of the Second Reader in the graduating year.

The National Primary Slates for drawing and writing, were introduced into our Primary schools at the commencement of the last term, and it is truly surprising to see how well some of the little ones have learned to write in so short a time.

In the hands of a skillful teacher, the superfluous energies heretofore manifested in mischief, undermining the order and discipline of the school, are here united, directed into one channel and utilized, thus turning to pleasure and profit, what before was waste and annoyance.

The Intermediate and Grammar schools have also made progress, plainly discernible in the exercises of their graduating classes.

The Primary, Intermediate and Grammar schools have all been furnished with Camp's Outline Maps, thus greatly increasing the facility of acquiring a knowledge of geography and map-drawing; the latter being practised to considerable extent in our Intermediate and Grammar schools.

A set of Cutter's Anatomical Charts, almost as indispensable in the study of Anatomy and Physiology, as Outline Maps in the study of Geography, have been purchased for the benefit of the High School.

There has been more constant attendance the past year than usual, showing increased interest in parent and pupil, who plainly see that, *who wastes a week, may wait a year.*

Though our schools have improved much since they were first graded, still more remains to be done. Improvement in teaching, improvement in studying, improvement in governing, improvement in books, are all to be taken into consideration. Unforeseen difficulties are constantly arising, and demanding a solution. True and tried teachers leave us, and new and untried ones take their places, and without the direction and constant care of committee, the work will be but poorly done. An army does not more need a general, than our schools need a director, a head.

CHANGES.

To supply the deficiency of room occasioned by the sale of the Portland Street Schoolhouse, the hall in the house on Lincoln street was finished into a schoolroom of one hundred and fifty sittings, with two good recitation rooms.

Grammar schools number one and number three were united in one, and permitted, at the commencement of the fall term, to occupy these rooms.

Intermediate number two moved from Grace street to the rooms vacated by Grammar number three on Lincoln street.

Primary number two then moved from Portland street to Grace street, and Intermediate number one moved from Portland street to City Hall.

At the opening of the winter term it became necessary to remove

Intermediate number one from City Hall to Crescent street, to make way for the Miscellaneous school.

Primary number one, consisting of one hundred and twenty pupils, had occupied both rooms of the house on Crescent street during the fall term, but from necessity must now be allowed but the lower room.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Until more room is provided at the South End of the city, we shall have to suffer the annoyance of changing Intermediate number one from City Hall to Crescent street every winter, and returning it to City Hall again every spring; and also of contracting and expanding Primary number one to correspond. North of Rankin street there are three Primary schools, numbering in all 257 pupils, or 85 2-7 pupils to a school. This number would make four schools of sixty-four pupils each, or five schools of fifty-one pupils each.

Had we two additional rooms in this part of the city, we could divide our three Primary schools into five, employ our high school graduates to teach them, instruct these graduates in teaching, ourselves, and thus furnish our own teachers. But now our Primary schools are so large, that it is almost sure failure for any one but a teacher of experience to undertake one. The schoolhouse on North Main street is old, poor, low and unventilated. It was built much after the style of the Portland street house. This will soon be condemned and sold, which will necessitate the building of a new house at the north part of the city.

Undoubtedly our population is increasing, and schoolhouses will soon have to be built, and if you expect our schools to keep pace with the improvements of the city, you must give us room.

IMPROVEMENTS.

We would recommend to the City Council to cause the grounds connected with the High School building to be laid out for the purpose of being decorated with trees. A plan of the lot should be made, and every place where a tree may be set, should be marked by a stake, and its place should be marked on the plan. Then any scholar graduating or having graduated from the High School, should have permission to select a place marked, plant a tree, give it his or her name, and write the name on the plan near the place indicated thereon. The kinds of trees to be planted should be designated by the Committee.

In this way, we think, the lot would soon be decorated, without expense to the city. This will create individual interest in the school and its surroundings, that will extend into the future.

We would recommend that the city appropriate eleven thousand dollars for schools the coming year.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The resignation of Mr. A. D. Small, Principal of our High school, and of his assistants, rendered it necessary to select a new corps of teachers for this school. Mr. Small was a competent and conscientious teacher, who had done much for the school. He had labored with it faithfully for four years, in adversity and in prosperity. He was highly esteemed by his pupils, and respected by the community.

Under such circumstances, it was hardly to be expected that any teacher, however faithful and devoted to his work, should be able at once to fully satisfy the public, under whose watchful eye he would be placed.

The selection of a teacher for our High school therefore demanded our first and most careful attention. After much deliberation Mr. A. A. Woodbridge was elected to take charge of the school. Mr. Woodbridge came to us well recommended by the highest authority in the State. He entered upon his duties at the commencement of the spring term, and with the assistance of Miss Julia L. Hills and Miss Laura J. Rhoades, he has conducted the school successfully through the year, gained the confidence and respect of his pupils, and given satisfaction to the community.

The graduating exercises of the Senior class took place in the Farwell & Amos Hall, and were witnessed by a large audience, that manifested a deep interest in them. The graduates did honor to themselves and the school.

The class consisted of fourteen members—twelve young ladies and two young gentleman—as follows:

Emily W. Case, Adaline S. Alden, Ada F. Bird, Ella A. Booker, Jennie W. Cobb, Addie M. Heal, Clara L. Hewett, Lillian B. Howes, Clara E. Low, Rebecca C. Ludwig, Flora Marks, Annie B. Pendleton, Eugene R. Bowler, Albert W. Butler.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. ONE.

The Spring term of Grammar School No. 1, on Crescent street, was taught by Frances L. Hosmer, a fine teacher, but not a disciplinarian. The school, however, under her care made fair progress. This school was joined with No 3 at the beginning of the Fall term, and is reported with it for the rest of the year.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. THREE.

Grammar School No. 3 was taught by Mr. A. T. Low the first

term of the year. The last two terms, joined with No. 1, by Mr. Low as principal, and Isabel Paine assistant. Mr. Low is an old and tried teacher, who needs no praise. This school presented twenty-four of the fifty-one pupils for examination for passes to the High School, and eighteen were successful.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. TWO.

Grammar School No. 2, taught by Miss Louise L. Walker, principal, and Miss Hattie Bird, assistant, has labored hard and succeeded well. This school presented twenty pupils for examination, and seventeen succeeded in obtaining a pass to the High School. Miss Walker and Miss Bird are workers, and leave nothing undone that they think will add to the interest or improvement of their school.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. FOUR.

Grammar School No. 4 was taught the first term by Miss Kate Spaulding, and the second and third terms by Miss Fannie Smart, a graduate from the normal school at Castine. The school is in good condition and appears to be well taught. Five pupils were present at the examination for graduation, and all were passed.

MIXED GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. FIVE.

This school has been taught three terms by as many teachers, with fair success. Mr. William H. Meservey taught the Winter term. Two classes in this school are of the Intermediate grade.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. SIX.

The spring term of this school was taught by Miss Margaret Hunter, a graduate of the Normal School at Castine. The school made good progress under her charge. It registered only seventeen pupils, averaging fifteen. Intermediate number seven, in the same building, consisted of twenty-seven pupils, averaging twenty-two.

These two schools were united in one, forming a Mixed Grammar School, at the commencement of the Fall term. Miss Hunter was requested to continue her labors with the school, but could not be persuaded to do so. The Fall term was taught by Miss E. M. Hosmer of Camden, who gave general satisfaction as far as we could learn, but she too refused to continue with the school. The winter term was taught by Mr. Henry Payson. A male teacher was employed for this term, for the sole purpose of accommodating several young men who live in the vicinity of this school, but who could not attend its summer sessions. They

properly belong to the Miscellaneous School, but were allowed to join the classes in this school, in whatever studies they saw fit to pursue, as the Miscellaneous School was far off and already too full.

Some difficulties arose between the teacher and the pupils, which continued to embarrass the school, until most of the Miscellaneous scholars left it. Much of the energy that should have been spent in teaching, was expended in watching and governing the school. Had all been as zealous to perform their own duties as they were to exact it of others, the school would have been much more profitable. Two pupils were present at the examination for passes to the High school, and both were successful.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

In this grade there are now six schools, all in excellent condition, with faithful teachers, each striving for the lead.

Oak Grove, or number 6, had fallen somewhat into disorder under its former teachers, but at the commencement of the spring term Miss Callie Packard took charge of it, soon restored order, awakened an interest in the pupils, and is fast closing the space between this and the other schools of its grade. At the commencement of the fall term, Intermediate number seven was united with Grammar number six, forming a Mixed Grammar School, and is reported with it for the rest of the year.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

There are ten schools of this grade in the city, all in good condition. These schools have been improving for a few years, the last year being no exception to the rule, but the improvement in most of them is more marked than ever. This improvement is owing to better facilities for teaching, improved methods, and excellent teachers. But our Primary schools are too large for us to realize from them all that might otherwise be accomplished.

Seven of these schools contain 613 pupils or 87 4-7 to each school; nevertheless five of these seven schools have advanced their pupils ten per cent. beyond the requirements of our regulations. Primary School No. 4 on the Point, has done equally well, but this school is much smaller.

The other schools of this grade have accomplished all that could be reasonably expected of them, and all that was required to entitle them to advancement in their several classes. We have no doubt that with three or four more rooms for this grade of school, we should be able, in the same time, to advance the pupils fully one year beyond the present requirements. This, in time

would equally elevate the grade of every school in the city, "a consummation devoutly to be wished."

MIXED SCHOOL.

The spring term of school in what was formerly the Walsh district, was taught by Miss Carrie Gould, the fall term by Miss Adella F. Veazie, the winter term by Miss Sarah Frohock. This school registers only fourteen scholars, and has averaged but nine for the year. It has had as many weeks' school as any in the city, yet the pupils do not progress so fast in their studies as in the other schools. The enthusiasm engendered by contact with others in larger schools, is wanting in this.

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL.

This school is of great importance in our graded system. It is taught only in winter, and is the general receptacle of all those young men and boys above fifteen years of age, that cannot attend our schools in summer. It consists, at present, of one hundred and twenty-three pupils, from all grades of school in the city, above the Primary, four only of whom are under fifteen years of age. Fifty pupils were passed to this school at the commencement of the last term. A few of these pupils had attended the High School, a majority had attended the Grammar School, and a few the Intermediate School. The remainder are transient scholars, or new comers not qualified or not inclined to enter the regular grade.

Arithmetic, mental and written, reading, spelling and writing are the chief studies pursued in this school. There is, however, one class in grammar, and one class in book-keeping. The attendance, generally very low in this school, was better than usual the last term.

Mr. J. T. Young, Principal of this school, is well qualified for the position. He was assisted the last term by Miss Myra Morton. Order reigns where he presides.

By order of the City Council a school was opened the last of February, in the school house near Timothy Williams', to continue two months. The school has not yet closed. Miss Carrie Gould was selected as teacher.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The city appropriation was	\$11,000 00
Amount received from State,	196 60

In the hands of the department at the commencement of the year,	418 91	
Tuition from non-resident scholars,	108 64	
	<hr/>	\$11,724 15
Expended for teachers,		\$8,816 50
" " fuel,		883 50
" " janitors and cleaning,		592 33
" " repairs,		233 36
" " maps and charts,		223 20
" " all other purposes,		393 80
Total,		<hr/> \$11,142 69
Unexpended,		581 46
		<hr/> \$11,724 15
In addition to the above, the city has expended for improvement of grounds, and finishing the hall of the Lincoln street school house,		\$1,132 14
For repairing and painting eight houses,		726 00
Total,		<hr/> \$1,858 14
Total expenses for the year,		\$13,000 83

EXAMINATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Fifty-one candidates were present at the examination for admission to the High School, forty-two of whom succeeded.

Of these, four reached an average above ninety per cent., twelve ranged from eighty to ninety per cent., twenty ranged from seventy to eighty per cent., and six fell a little below seventy per cent. In history the examination was verbal.

Average per cent. in Arithmetic, 76.6.

Average per cent. in Grammar, 79.

Average per cent. in Geography, 79.5.

Whole number of scholars in the city as per agent's report, April 1st, 1871,	2432
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SPRING TERM.

Whole number attending the spring term in all the schools,	1438
Average do.,	1219
Per cent. of average to whole number,	85

Per cent. of whole number in spring term to whole number in the city,	59
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FALL TERM.

Whole number attending the fall term in all the schools,	1462
Average do.,	1206
Per cent. of average to whole number in school,	82.5
Per cent. of whole number in fall term to whole number in the city,	60

WINTER TERM.

Whole number attending the winter term in all the schools,	1541
Average do.,	1274
Per cent. of average to whole number in school,	82.69
Per cent. of whole number in winter term to whole number in the city,	63.36
Whole number of scholars attending school in the city the whole or a part of the year, excluding all from other towns, as near as can be ascertained,	1659
Per cent. of do. to the whole number of scholars in the city,	68.17

Number of weeks' school for the year, 33.

Nothing indicates more clearly the condition of our schools, and the interest taken by both parents and children, than the per cent. of average attendance to the whole number registered in school. By the above schedule it appears that this average is about two per cent. higher than it was last year.

Respectfully submitted.

A. L. TYLER, }
O. G. HALL, } *S. S. Committee.*

Rockland, April 8, 1872.

TABLE.

The following table shows the number of pupils attending each school each term in the year, the average number, the per cent. of average to whole number, the number not absent one half day, and also the number graduated from each at the close of the year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

TERM.	TEACHERS.	Number Scholars.	Average No. Scholars.	Average per cent.	Number not absent.	Graduated.
Spring...	A. A. Woodbridge, } Julia Hills, }	112	108	96.3-7	55	
Fall.....	Laura J. Rhoades, } A. A. Woodbridge, }	100	93	93	64	
Winter...	Julia Hills, } Laura J. Rhoades, }	90	88.2-5	98.2-9	37	14
	Average for the Year,	101	96½	95.7-9		

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

NUMBER ONE.

Spring...Frances L. Hosmer, | 53 | 49 | 92½ | |
This school was united to No. 3. in the Fall term.

NUMBER TWO.

Spring...	L. L. Walker, Prin. } Hattie Bird, Asst. }	94	83.2-10	88½	28	
Fall.....	L. L. Walker, Prin. } Hattie Bird, Asst. }	86	75.2-10	87½	22	
Winter...	L. L. Walker, Prin. } Hattie Bird, Asst. }	90	74.4-10	82.7-9	16	17
	Average for the year,	90	77.6-10	86.2-9		

NUMBER THREE.

Spring...A. T. Low, Prin..... | 67 | 60 | 89½ | 14 |

NUMBER ONE AND THREE.

Fall.....	A. T. Low, Prin. } Isabel M. Paine, Asst. }	110	95.5-10	86.4-5	20	
Winter...	A. T. Low, } Isabel M. Paine, }	112	97.8-10	87½		18
	Average for the year,	111	96.6-10	87		

TABLE—CONTINUED.

NUMBER FOUR.

TERM.	TEACHERS.	Number Scholars.	Average No. Scholars.	Average per cent.	Number not Absent.	Graduated.
Spring...	Kate Spaulding.....	45	40	88	7	
Fall.....	Fannie Smart.....	44	34	79	3	
Winter...	Fannie Smart.....	41	35	85.3-8	8	5
Average for the year,		43½	36½	84		

NUMBER FIVE.

Spring...	Josie Page.....	30	27	90	3	
Fall.....	Myra Morton.....	30	25	83	1	
Winter.	W. H. Meservey.....	34	23	82½	5	none.
Average for the year,		31½	26.2-7	85		

NUMBER SIX.

Spring...	Mary Hunter.....	17	15	88½	3	
Fall.....	E. M. Hosmer.....	27	22	80	3	
Winter...	Henry L. Payson.....	36	25	70	2	2
Average for the year,		26.2-3	20.2-3	79		

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

NUMBER ONE.

Spring...	E. A. Kalloch.....	64	59	92.1-5	11	
Fall.....	E. A. Kalloch.....	65	56	88.1-6	22	
Winter...	E. A. Kalloch.....	64	58	90.2-3	13	14
Average for the year,		64½	57½	90½		

NUMBER TWO.

Spring...	Addie Osgood.....	43	35	81.3-7	9	
Fall.....	Addie Osgood.....	46	38		6	
Winter...	Addie Osgood.....	43	38.3-4		9	
Average for the year,		44	37			

NUMBER THREE.

Spring...	N. I. Burbank.....	27	21	77	1	
Fall.....	N. I. Burbank.....	25	19	76		
Winter...	N. I. Burbank.....	23	20	87	1	4
Average for the year,		25	20	83½		

NUMBER FOUR

Spring...	Helen Hewett.....	34	31	91	5	
Fall.....	Helen Hewett.....	36	30	83½	8	
Winter...	Helen Hewett.....	38	33	86.5-6	8	10
Average for the year,		36	31½	87		

TABLE—CONTINUED.

NUMBER FIVE.

TERM.	TEACHERS.	Number Scholars.	Average No. Scholars.	Average per cent.	Number not Absent.	Graduated.
Spring...	Abbie M. Cochran.....	68	64	94	25	20
Fall.....	Abbie M. Cochran.....	62	56	90½	18	
Winter...	Abbie M. Cochran.....	66	60	91	21	
Average for the year,		65½	60	91.2-3		

NUMBER SIX.

Spring...	Callie Packard.....	42	40	95¼	4	16
Fall.....	Callie Packard.....	47	40	85	12	
Winter...	Callie Packard.....	50	48	96	10	
Average for the year,		46½	42.2-3	92		

NUMBER SEVEN.

Spring...	Alzira Crie.....	27	16	60	2	
Fall.....	Joined to Grammar Number Six.					

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

NUMBER ONE.

Spring...	Emma Spear.....	98	79	80¾	2	15
Fall.....	Assistant.....	120	90	75	2	
Winter...	Emma Spear.....	92	75	81½	—	
Average for the year,		103	81	79		

NUMBER TWO.

Spring...	Georgie Weeks.....	74	59	80	6	15
Fall.....	Alda Brown.....	65	49	75.2-5	8	
Winter...	Alda Brown.....	71	52	73¼	7	
Average for the year,		70	53½	76		

NUMBER THREE.

Spring...	Callie Crockett.....	63	53	84	10	15
Fall.....	Laura Hooper.....	75	61	81½	15	
Winter...	Laura Hooper.....	72	64	89	10	
Average for the year.		70	59½	81½		

NUMBER FOUR.

Spring...	Fannie Keating.....	41	28	68.2-5	none	7
Fall.....	Fannie Keating.....	46	35	76		
Winter...	Fannie Keating.....	43	28	65		
Average for the year,		43½	30½	70		

TABLE—CONTINUED.

NUMBER FIVE.

TERM.	TEACHERS.	Number Scholars.	Average No Scholars.	Average per cent.	Number not absent.	Graduated.
Spring...	Linnie Thorndike.....	80	67	83½	13	
Fall.....	Linnie Thorndike.....	90	70	77.7-9	13	
Winter...	Linnie Thorndike.....	84	66	78.4-7	5	11
Average for the year,		84½	67½	80		

NUMBER SIX.

Spring...	Addie Harrington.....	77	60	78	6	
Fall.....	Addie Harrington.....	87	75	86.1-5	10	
Winter...	Addie Harrington.....	86	75	87.1-5	5	7
Average for the year,		83½	66½	83.7-10		

NUMBER SEVEN.

Spring...	Mary C. Tyler.....	77	60	78	10	
Fall.....	Mary C. Tyler.....	87	75	86	10	
Winter...	Mary C. Tyler.....	86	75	87	5	17
Average for the year,		83½	70	84		

NUMBER EIGHT.

Spring...	Nettie Blackington.....	88	73	83	10	
Fall.....	Nettie Blackington.....	90	75	83	20	
Winter...	Helena Pendleton.....	84	73	87	14	12
Average for the Year,		87½	74½	84½		

NUMBER NINE.

Spring...	Helena Pendleton.....	52	45	86.5-10	4	
Fall.....	Helena Pendleton.....	54	46	85.2-10	4	
Winter...	Helen Lawry.....	48	40	83.3-10	1	8
Average for the year,		51.3-10	43.7-10	85		

NUMBER TEN.

Spring...	Helen Lawry.....	60	42	70	2	
Fall.....	Helen Lawry.....	63	48	76.2-10		
Winter...	Nettie Blackington.....	55	37	67.2-10	4	18
Average for the year,		59.3-10	42.3-10	71.1-10		

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL.

Winter...	Joseph T. Young.....	123	87	70.7-10	9	
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MIXED SCHOOL, NUMBER ONE.

Spring...	Carrie Gould.....	14	8	57		
Fall.....	Adella F. Veazie.....	14	10.5-10	75		
Winter...	Sarah Frohock.....	14	8	57		
Average for the year,		14	9	63		

GOVERNMENT
OF THE
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FOR THE
MUNICIPAL YEAR 1872-3.

MAYOR,
J. FRED MERRILL.

Salary \$200.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

WARD 1.	H. Gregory, Jr.	WARD 4.	O. S. Andrews.
" 2.	Wm. H. Rhoades.	" 5.	A. J. Engley.
" 3.	E. R. Spear.	" 6.	J. W. Crocker.
WARD 7. Jonathan Spear.			

CHAS. A. DAVIS, CITY CLERK.

Salary \$150.

COMMON COUNCIL.

D. N. MORTLAND, PRESIDENT.

WARD 1.	F. B. T. Young.	WARD 2.	Albion Hewett.
	Wm. J. Thurston.		O. F. Brown.
	A. G. Thomas.		E. B. Bragg.

WARD 3.	C. A. Libby. Ephm. Gay. Willard Cates.	WARD 4.	D. N. Mortland. Wm. Farrow. R. S. Benner.
WARD 5.	S. H. Boynton. W. C. McIntosh. John Howard.	WARD 6.	S. H. Burpee. Jas. Fernald. Thos. Colson.
	WARD 7.	Oscar Davis. O. D. Brown. Silas Farrington.	

ENOCH DAVIES, CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL.

Salary \$75.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Finance — Alderman J. Spear; Councilmen Farrow and Colson.

On Accounts and Claims—Alderman Andrews; Councilmen Burpee and Libby.

On City Property—Alderman Rhoades; Councilmen Farrington and Gay.

On By-Laws and Police Regulations — Alderman Crocker; Councilmen O. F. Brown and Howard.

On Schools and Schoolhouses—Alderman E. R. Spear; Councilmen Young and Cates.

On New Streets, Highways, Sidewalks, Drains and Sewers—Alderman Gregory; Councilmen O. D. Brown and McIntosh.

On Fire Department—Alderman Engley; Councilmen Boynton and Thomas.

On Engrossed Ordinances and Resolves — Alderman E. R. Spear; Councilmen Thurston and Hewett.

On Burying Grounds—Alderman Crocker; Councilmen Davis and Bragg.

On Printing—Alderman J. Spear; Councilmen Fernald and Benner.

Standing Committee on Liquor Agency — Aldermen E. R. Spear and Rhoades.

CITY OFFICERS.

JUDGE OF THE POLICE COURT,

OLIVER G. HALL.

[Elected by the citizens, March, 1870, to serve four years.]

Salary \$300.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

City Treasurer—Leander Weeks. Salary \$200.

Collector of Taxes—Leander Weeks.

City Marshal—Geo. A. Bramhall. Salary \$2.00 per day.

City Physician—S. H. Boynton. Salary \$300, including all services to foreign and domestic poor.

Assessors—John S. Coburn, C. R. Mallard and Robert Crockett. Salary \$500 for the Board.

Overseers of the Poor—Geo. S. Wiggin, Wm. H. Rhoades and G. A. Safford. Salary \$375, including expenses for team in the city.

Superintending School Committee—A. L. Tyler, J. Fred Merrill and G. M. Hicks. Salary \$600 for the Board.

School Agent—A. L. Tyler. Salary \$200.

Road Commissioners—Dist. No. 1, E. B. Bragg; Dist. No. 2, John S. Coburn; Dist. No. 3, W. C. McIntosh; Dist. No. 4, O. D. Brown.

Chief Engineer of Fire Department—J. W. Crocker. Salary \$100.

Assistant Engineers of Fire Department—A. G. Thomas, A. C. Hamilton, Benj. Burton, Francis Tighe, Fred. H. Berry, E. K. Glover and E. E. Ulmer.

City Solicitor—D. N. Mortland. Salary \$100.

Assistant Assessors—Thos. Colson, John T. Berry, Wm. A. Farnsworth, J. Fred Merrill, Wm. H. Rhoades, Lysander Fales and Silas Farrington.

Board of Health—J. Fred Merrill, Geo. S. Wiggin, Geo. A. Bramhall, S. H. Boynton, T. L. Estabrook, Wm. A. Banks and Thos. Frye.

Harbor Master—H. Gregory, Jr.

Surveyors of Lumber—Horace Merriam, Oliver Starrett, E. K. Glover, Azariah Stanley, John Lindsey, W. H. Glover, A. Howes, N. Jones, Lewis Brewer, A. D. Lawry, M. D. Labe, E. T. Jackson, John Mehan, Sanford Starrett, C. R. Whitney, Chas. Sherer, R. C. Thomas, O. M. Lampson, H. G. Bird, A. J. Erskine, O. P. Mitchell, B. N. Hemenway, A. J. Eugley and Oliver A. Clark.

Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves—W. J. Thurston, S. W. Veazie, Chas. B. Morey, G. L. Farrand, Ephm. Gay, Mark Perry, Geo. L. Snow, Ambrose Cobb, Chas. R. Whitney, H. G. Bird and H. W. Wight.

Fence Viewers—Freeman Harden, E. L. Lovejoy and H. Farrand.

Truant Officers—A. L. Tyler, Geo. A. Bramhall and E. E. Ulmer.

Pound Keepers—Lysander Fales, H. H. Ingraham, Geo. W. Cox and Asa Ulmer.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

Measurers of Salt, Corn and Grain—Joseph Frohock, Roscoe F. Spear and Isaiah A. Jones.

Scaler of Weights and Measures—E. L. Lovejoy.

City Undertaker—Silas Kalloch.

Auctioneers—C. R. Mallard and O. S. Andrews.

Measurers of Wood and Bark—Joseph Abbott, W. H. Rhoades, H. G. Bird, Geo. Gregory, J. H. Handley, Ephm. Gay, John W. Hunt, John H. Wheeler, John Lindsey, Geo. L. Snow, A. S. Cobb, L. W. Lawry, Jonathan Spear, John Bird, E. H. Clark, A. F. Crockett and R. C. Hall.

Person to seize Unlawful Coal Baskets—Geo. A. Bramhall.

Liquor Agent—Thomas T. Tate.

Salvaged Policemen—Beniah P. Brackley, (Deputy Marshal,) Orlando F. Brown, Cornelius Magee.

Other Police Officers—Ephm. Perry, Andrew Cunningham, Wm. H. Snow, John Lindsey. Wm. Davis, Jeremiah B. Brown, Abiezer Veazie, Thos. J. Graves and Wm. H. Witham.

WARD OFFICERS.

CONSTABLES.

WARD 1.	Ephraim Perry.	WARD 4.	B. P. Brackley.
" 2.	George Campbell.	" 5.	Geo. A. Bramhall.
" 3.	Robert F. Perry	" 6.	Thomas J. Graves.
WARD 7. ————			

WARDENS AND CLERKS.

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WARD 1.	Lysander Fales.	G. M. Hicks.
" 2.	Wm. V. Simmons,	B. D. Thomas.
" 3.	Geo. H. Phillips.	Chas. F. Tupper.
" 4.	Isaac McLaughlin.	T. P. Pierce.
" 5.	T. S. Pillsbury.	Roscoe F. Spear.
" 6.	Wm. H. Glover.	A. J. Erskine.
" 7.	O. B. Ulmer.	Gilman L. Ulmer.